

# THE SPARK GAP

MIDSTATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
N9DON, PRES. W9PDI, V. PRES. WB9AYB, SEC/TREAS.  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am looking forward to our tour of Channel 8 TV and Fiber Optics. Thank you Jack, NT9J and Eric, KB9BGS for arranging the tours. More information about the tours are in a separate article in this newsletter.

We have a full month of activities in June. We start with the Equestrian event saturday, June 8th then the Masonic Home Festival on Sunday, June 9th. Club meeting day will be on June 15th and Field Day on June 22nd and 23rd with fun and good food and good friends!

We wish to express our sympathy to Lendel, W9LNX whose mother passed away recently. We also wish to thank everyone for the concern for the health of my mother.

So here's hoping to see you saturday at Channel 8. 73 de N9DON.

## NEW MEETING PLACE

On saturday April 20 the club will meet at the channel 8 WISH TV studios for our monthly meeting. We will begin the meeting at 9 AM and then hear from Ben Woods our weekend meteorologist. Coffee and donuts will be served. We will take a tour of the studio and news room facilities and then see the new satellite truck. Please contact Jack Parker, NT9J, or one of the club officers so we can get a head count.

## NOVICE CLASS NEWS

The Novice Class resumed after a week off for the Spring Break. Many of the class had commitments during that week and we just skipped a class. When we resumed on April 8th we discussed the format of a QSO to prepare them for actual ham-type contacts. The class has covered all the letters of the code and are now working to increase their speed to 5 WPM. We hope to have several ready to take their tests in the near future. Encouragement from local Hams could help a lot.

## NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CLUB

One of our recent new members to the club is Bob DeSpain, WB5VZT of Greenwood. Bob is 57 and has worked at Motorola since 1978. Bob and his wife Sandy have four sons ages 30, 29, 26, and 21. His ham activities are mainly centered on the operation of his Packet BBS that operates on 145.03, 441.075, and 221.110 in our area. Bob is performing a needed service in the area of our club. Several of our club members are active on his BBS service.

Some of Bob's interests outside of ham radio are fishing, camping, building electronic equipment and working with his 6 computers. He has been all over the world, served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, and was

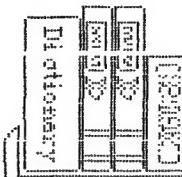
in Germany for 6 years.

Bill Maughmer WB9GOX is also one of the recent members of MARC. Bill is an Electrical Engineer and has been a ham for 21 years. He has a general license and lives in Franklin with his wife Barbara and 2 children ages 6 and 8. Bill is a Volunteer Fire Fighter, an advanced EMT, and enjoys farming and wine-making.

David Hall KB9EKM is a new amateur with a Novice license who joined recently. David and his wife Tarla have one child age 8. David is not on the air yet but participates in Scouts, Soccer, and likes camping. Welcome to the club, Gentlemen!

#### VEC TESTING FOR APRIL-MAY

Apr 6 Muncie	W9JUJ	317-288-0481
Apr 20 Franklin	NV9K	317-736-6320
Apr 27 Indy	NQ9R	317-291-3569
May 4 New Cas.	W9JUJ	317-288-0481
May 18 Rushville	N6RS	317-763-6090



## For Your Information

June 8            Equestrian Event  
June 9            Masonic Home Festival  
June 15          Regular Club Meeting  
June 22-23       FIELD DAY !!!  
Check with MIke KA9ZCL for details.

We would like to wish N9DON'S mother and WB9AYB's father a speedy recovery. We hope they will keep us informed of their progress.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE AS OF JAN. 1st  
If you are not paid up PLEASE send  
your check to Bob Doles, WB9AYB at  
RR5 Box 309, Franklin 46131 TODAY!

#### THE SWAP SWAMP

For Sale: CD player ex cond call NV9K at 736-6320  
Wanted: Mike for Yaesu FT101 call N9JCI at 882-1443  
Wanted: Items for the Newsletter  
Send by packet bbs c/o WB5VZT

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